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The Honorable  
 William Casey  
 Director  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
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Dear Mr. Casey:

The Administration is developing a long-term program of military and economic assistance for Pakistan, in view of the threats to that country's security resulting from the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. It has already asked Congress for changes in legislation needed to permit such assistance, and will soon be presenting a comprehensive outline of the aid program itself to Congress.

As Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, I have promised the Administration to hold hearings on this subject as soon as it presents its program to us. In view of the importance and complexities of this issue, it is important that we examine carefully the nature and scope of a new U.S. security role in Southwest Asia.

One specific issue that must be considered is the outlook for the Afghan insurgents. In this connection, I request a briefing by the Agency on its special activities, if any, in support of the Afghan freedom fighters. This briefing should also deal with Pakistan's past and prospective role in the supply of arms to the Afghan insurgents, as well as the roles of other external powers. I would like to review such a briefing as soon as possible in view of the need to consider the Pakistani aid program promptly.

Sincerely,

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